

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

de Rooij et al.

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NUCLEIC ACID ADMINISTERED TO A  
SOLID CARRIER

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Sir:

Before calculation of the filing fees and examination, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.